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## CHICAGO U.S. MARSHALS ARREST 18 IN THREE DAYS

The United States Marshals Service in Northern Illinois apprehended over 18 state fugitives in 72 hours as part of a Violent Fugitive Task Force, originating out of Bloomington, Illinois. The Task Force consisted of Deputy U.S. Marshals throughout the state along with various state and local departments, to include the Chicago Police Department Fugitive Squad.

The task force focused on violent fugitives wanted in Illinois for various charges to include distribution of drugs, battery, and criminal sexual assault. The Task Force arrested over forty fugitives statewide, the majority being here in the Chicagoland area. Along with these actual arrests, Task Force members were able to clear up several other arrests by locating fugitives in other states, in the custody of other jails, and also finding two fugitives who are now deceased. The end result is over seventy fugitives whose cases are now closed. The remaining fugitives targeted in this operation will be investigated in connection with the Safe Neighborhoods Initiative, a program initiated through the U.S. Attorney's Office in Central Illinois.

This Task Force is an example of what can be accomplished when federal, state, and local law enforcement work together towards an important goal. U.S. Marshal Kim Widup, Northern Illinois, concluded, "The coordinated effort shown here between agencies has made our neighborhoods safer. This working relationship will continue in an effort to reduce crime statewide."